

LSBME
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2015

Time 9:00 am

Location: LSBME Office

Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Ken Alexander, Elizabeth Hamilton, Diana Merendino, Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Dave Vicknair

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Quorum IS NOT present	
Approval of Minutes: 6-29-2015	Minutes were reviewed for changes – no changes noted at this time.	Approval of minutes tabled until next meeting with quorum.
Old Business: On-Line Renewal Application Current credential Peggy Brodnax, CRT	<p>Raymond Pisani stated that he was getting calls regarding the submission of CEU's; currently renewal process only mandates a signature verifying the individual has obtained the required 10 CEU's. Diana Merendino stated she would like to see at a minimum a documented list of CEU's with proof of CEU's presented during audits. Dave Vicknair reports the RT renewal process is following other disciplines, and process of completing future audits has not been established. Raymond tabled discussion and will contact Dr. Mouton to attend meeting for discussion.</p> <p>Diana Merendino to report on under new business.</p> <p>The committee was given a copy of the Consent Order for the Issuance of License as a follow-up from the committee's recommendation from previous meeting.</p>	

New Business:

- **NBRC Meeting**

Diana Merendino gave brief report of NBRC Licensure Meeting in Kansas on Sept. 18th and 19th. While the meetings attendance was down from previous year, there were great discussions on examinations changes, state licensure issues and the advancement of the profession. Handouts were given to Dave Vicknair for review.

In regards to Current Credentials and Licensure there are only 2 states that make that requirement for the renewal process. Two states Ohio and California are now requiring RRT credential for the licensure; there are 4-6 more states that have made inquiries with Cheryl West from the AARC regarding this process. Two states do not have licensure and the remaining states have a variance of requirements in CEUs for renewal – several states do not have any CEU requirements for renewal. Dave Vicknair inquired if these were the states that required the current credential – Diana stated she did not know.

Diana will follow-up with Cheryl West regarding the current credential and relationship if any with no CEU requirements.

- Scope of Practice Question

Question: “Can a licensed RT who works for a DME fit and dispense an oral device to a non-compliant CPAP patient (or any OSA pt wishing to use the device), when prescribed by the physician?” The letter also stated the RT would screen the patient to ensure patient is appropriate candidate for the “alternative sleep treatment.” Discussion centered around the ordering physician (MD vs. DDS), the device itself (Mandibular Repositioning Device) and the screening process. These questions need to be answered before committee can make recommendation.

Dave Vicknair will follow-up with Lori Schulman of Sleep Sciences with the following questions:

- (1) What prompted the request?
- (2) Define the screening process.
- (3) What is the definition of dispense?
- (4) Is the DME company in state?
- (5) What type of physician (MD vs. DDS) and are they licensed in state?
- (6) Is the RRT in state licensed?

- Defensive Driving Course	Dave wanted to make sure that all the RCAC members had taken the defensive driving course – all committee members have completed.	
2016 Meeting Dates	Raymond Pisani asked the committee members to check their calendars for the following 2016 meeting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 14 - June 13 - Sept 12 - Dec 5 	
2015 Meeting Date	12 – 7 – 15 Brett Stafford commented that the next meeting date must correspond with a major event happening in New Orleans. His hotel is sold out; Raymond stated he would check into the next date and room availability.	
CEU Audits	Completed by Committee Members	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 10:45am	